

Four States Amateur Radio Club meeting Sep 14, 2024

Vice President opened the meeting by asking JW Franklin to open with prayer, then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members introduced themselves next.

VP moved to waive the reading of the minutes, seconded by Harold Minter. Motion passed unanimously. VP moved to waive the reading of the treasurers report also.

VP announced the Skywarn training class in Atlanta on Sept 30.

VP brought up the topic of club insurance. Treasurer moved to table the item until the October meeting. There were several seconds to the motion and it passed without objection.

VP brought up winter field day, on the last weekend of January. Treasurer suggested talking to Dr. Pearson about using his facility for WFD. VP agreed to discuss this with Dr. Pearson in the next week.

VP mentioned Thursday night club net and talked briefly about net controllers and getting involved that way.

There was discussion about buying new batteries for the repeater system at the KTAL tower. Treasurer stated the club had previously voted to set aside \$2500 for the purchase of new batteries, but more research would be done and the final decision would be made by the club in a future meeting.

The D-star repeater was discussed. Sparklight has been updating internet and that is causing d-star to drop off.

Ronnie Rumsey talked about the Freedom Link's 220 repeater which was sent back to the manufacturer for running hot. But all other local repeaters are working well.

VP said he'd been talking to KD5UTP about doing a newsletter to put out once per month and was going to continue that discussion to get that club benefit running again. Discussion including putting it out in the week leading up to the club meeting.

VP mentioned officer elections coming up. It was said that there would be an "interested" form on the club website looking for interest in serving as an officer.

VP mentioned the signal app and who to see about joining that.

A tailgate sale would be held on Dec 7th in Greenwood, LA, which is a regularly scheduled club meeting date. VP stated there will be a vote on moving that meeting date which should also be the officer election meeting.

VP brought up the club tailgate sale, and it was decided that David Glenn would check with City of New Boston to reserve the Pavilion for the 5th Saturday of May. The motion included spending \$250 to make the reservation.

Monroe Lee spoke about the club making a donation to the Arkansas Children's Hospital. This donation would be collected at the October meeting. VP motioned that club would match (no less than \$100) the collection taken up at the Oct meeting. There were several seconds and the motion passed without objection.

Robert Ward gave a report on the Mena Hamfest and the meeting was adjourned.